

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ink jet recording device is provided comprising a head recovering unit for operating for recovering a discharge function of an ink jet recording head, a cap member disposed on the head recovering unit to tightly close ink discharge ports, a recording medium conveying mechanism for conveying a recording medium, and a connecting unit for switching transmission and non-transmission of a driving force to the head recovering unit in conjunction with a capping operation of the cap member, and makes it possible to provide a drive switching mechanism which is convenient and highly reliable, reduce a number of driving source and realize a recording apparatus having a high reliability at a low cost while saving a space.

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